

2016 Year in Review

For this last issue of the year, I pulled the most popular links from each issue and complied the top 10 as a 'look back' on the world of Amateur Radio in 2016. Enjoy! –Cale K4HCK

#10

[A stealthy HOA HamStick directional dipole](#)

This is a sneak peek at a very detailed build, tune, and operation on 20 and 40 meter bands using both Phone and PSK31.

[Prepared Ham](#) ([Issue 94](#))

#9

[Hey, which coaxial cable should I use?](#)

We'll focus on the most popular cables, with 50 ohm impedance to match the output impedance of our transceivers.

[Ham Radio School](#) ([Issue 115](#))

#8

[Five common mistakes new Hams make](#)

This short list comes from working with a gaggle of new hams over the years and trying to help them get started in ham radio.

[Ham Radio School](#) ([Issue 137](#))

#7

[Hidden Antennas for HOA restrictions?](#)

I have a confession to make... I live in a HOA! I know most hams say what the hell did you do that for, you knew you could not put up a 60 foot tower. Turn in your FCC license...

[Prepared Ham](#) ([Issue 97](#))

#6

Easy, homemade Outernet antenna

An antenna for less than \$1 total cost, doable without power tools and soldering, in less than 30 minutes.

[Radio for Everyone](#) ([Issue 136](#))

#5

Portable antenna options for HF

For all the choices, it's surprisingly hard to find a portable antenna for HF that is affordable and practical.

[Off Grid Ham](#) ([Issue 138](#))

#4

End-Fed antenna revisited

I really like the simplicity of this antenna for many aspects: fast to deploy, works on many bands, no antenna to tune...

[VA2SS](#) ([Issue 126](#))

#3

New: Baofeng UV-50X3 tri-band mobile

Baofeng just launched the UV-50X3 tri-band mobile radio and it looks like a jab, cross and left hook to the established Japanese manufacturers who were caught dreaming about DMR, C4FM, D-STAR and other leprechauns.

[QRPblog](#) ([Issue 120](#))

#2

Repeater owner bans Baofeng radios

Simply put, these radios do not allow for "advancing skills in both the communication and technical phases of the art" (Part 97.1).

[N4NJJ](#) ([Issue 108](#))

#1

First impressions of the Icom IC-7300 HF + 6M transceiver

We did not use the transmit functions on the radio, but were able to test out the receiver at my campsite with a Budipole antenna on 40 meters.

[AB4BJ](#) ([Issue 99](#))

Thank you for reading.

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